GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Restoration of Water Bodies
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any plan to exploit the reservoirs and neglected water bodies situated in the country by using State-of-the-art technologies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has made any survey to identify the reservoirs and water bodies which need restoration and protection by such technologies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount incurred under this plan so far along with steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) to (c) Government of India is implementing the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) with the financial assistance of the World Bank for the repair and rehabilitation of about 225 dam projects across the seven states of India, namely Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Jharkhand (DVC) and Uttrakhand (UJVNL). The Project with estimated cost of Rs. 2100 crores started in April 2012 and scheduled to be completed in June 2018. Till February, 2017 an expenditure of Rs. 632.66 crore has been incurred on these projects.

Further, Government of India is also implementing the Scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies with multiple objectives like Comprehensive improvement and restoration of water bodies thereby increasing tank storage capacity, Ground Water Recharge, Increased availability of drinking water, Improvement in agriculture/horticulture productivity etc.In XII Plan, 1354 water bodies costing Rs. 1025.87 crore from 9 states were included under this scheme and central assistance of Rs. 264.67 crore has been released. Out of these 1354 water bodies, works in 464 water bodies have been reported to be completed.
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